

# Special Session

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| <b>Agenda Item #</b> | 4                                     |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>  | October 6, 2008                       |
| <b>Prepared By</b>   | Lucy Neher<br>Safe Routes Coordinator |
| <b>Approved By</b>   | Barbara B. Matthews<br>City Manager   |

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| <b>Discussion Item</b>       | Resolution Recognizing Safe Routes to School's "Walk to School Day" October 18   |
| <b>Background</b>            | <p>The Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS), now in its second year, works with seven area schools to promote safe walking and biking as a means of transportation to school. SRTS programs include mapping exercises, bike rodeos and special events such as "International Walk to School Day" to encourage regular walking to school.</p> <p>This year, SRTS is very pleased to announce that Piney Branch Elementary School has been chosen to serve as the host school for "Walk to School Day" in Montgomery County. Dignitaries and special guests from across the County and the State have been invited to participate by walking with the students to school. A press conference and school assembly will follow the walk.</p> <p>Press Conference speakers include, among others: Dr. Weast, Superintendent of MCPS; Nancy Navaro, President of the School Board; Bruce R. Williams, Mayor of Takoma Park; Senator Jamie Raskin; and John Colmers, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.</p> |
| <b>Policy</b>                | <p>"To encourage and enable more children to safely walk and bike to school."</p> <p>Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program</p>   |
| <b>Fiscal Impact</b>         | N/A  |
| <b>Attachments</b>           | Resolution Recognizing Safe Routes to School's "Walk to School Day"  |
| <b>Recommendation</b>        | Approve proposed resolution.   |
| <b>Special Consideration</b> |  |

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2008-

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
“WALK TO SCHOOL DAY” ON OCTOBER 8, 2008.**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program encourages students to safely walk to school on a regular basis; and

**WHEREAS,** Wednesday, October 8 is International Walk to School Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Piney Branch Elementary School has been selected to serve as the host school in Montgomery County for International Walk to School Day; and

**WHEREAS,** children, parents and community leaders in Takoma Park and around the world are joining together on October 8 to walk to school.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** that October 8, 2008 is Walk to School Day in Takoma Park.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008.

**ATTEST:**

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk